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SUBJ: ENERGY INITIATIVES FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE ASEAN  
AREA

REF: JAKARTA 4498

1. WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE BASIC THRUST OF REFTTEL PROPO-  
SAL, I.E., US INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE ESTABLISHMENT IN ASIA  
OF INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR R & D ON NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE USG IS SEEKING OPTIONS FOR DEVELOP-  
MENT COOPERATION WITH ASEAN, WE HAVE ONE QUESTION WHICH COULD  
AFFECT CARRYING OUT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE, NAMELY: SHOULD  
CENTER BE ASEAN INSTITUTION? PROBLEMS TO BE TACKLED ARE  
CLEARLY OF IMPORTANCE TO COUNTRIES FOR MUCH LARGER REGION  
THAN ASEAN. OVER LONG TERM, MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THERE WOULD  
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BE ADVANTAGES, -- FOR US, AS WELL AS FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES  
IF CENTER WERE OPEN TO MEMBERSHIP OF ALL EA COUNTRIES  
FROM JAPAN THROUGH BURMA.  
DECISION ON THIS POINT PERHAPS BEST TAKEN AFTER GENERAL  
IDEA DISCUSSED WITH ASEAN AND ANZUS LEADERS DURING VICE  
PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING TRIP AND AFTER VIEWS OF OTHER  
EA POSTS EXPRESSED. (IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SUGGEST DE-

PARTMENT BRING OTHER EA POSTS INTO THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS).

3. IF PROPOSED CENTER INCLUDED OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN EA (E.G., AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN), SHARE OF USG FINANCING COULD BE CORRESPONDINGLY LOWER. WE FULLY ENDORSE REFTEL IDEA OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES/FOUNDATIONS. THIS WOULD SEEM TO CALL FOR SOME TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP ON CENTER FOR SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

4. MANY FACTORS RECOMMEND THE PHILIPPINES AS THE SITE FOR SUCH A CENTER. IT IS THE ASEAN COUNTRY WITH THE GREATEST NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY OPTIONS, WITH AS YET NO SIGNIFICANT PROVEN PETROLEUM RESOURCES. THERE IS A NATIONAL NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY R&D PROGRAM INITIATED AND FUNDED BY THE GOP, WITH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMED BY US AID. THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL PETROLEUM CENTER (ITS NAME BELIES ITS BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES, AS WELL AS COAL, GEOTHERMAN, AND URANIUM RESOURCES) IS AN EXISTING INSTITUTION WITH PLANT, EQUIPMENT, AND DATA BANK THAT COULD BE EXPANDED TO SERVE REGIONAL NEEDS. GOP HAS ALREADY HAD EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN PETROLEUM AND RELATED FIELDS, E.G., LEADER IN ASEAN COUNCIL ON PETROLEUM (ASCOPE) AND SEAT OF ASEAN COMMITTEE ON MINERALS, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY (COMIE).

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5. USG FUNDING FOR PHILIPPINE POWER AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT MAY OCCUR UNDER FUTURE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. SUCH ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT AN ENERGY R&D CENTER IF SUCH A CENTER WERE TO BE LOCATED IN THE PHILIPPINES.  
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